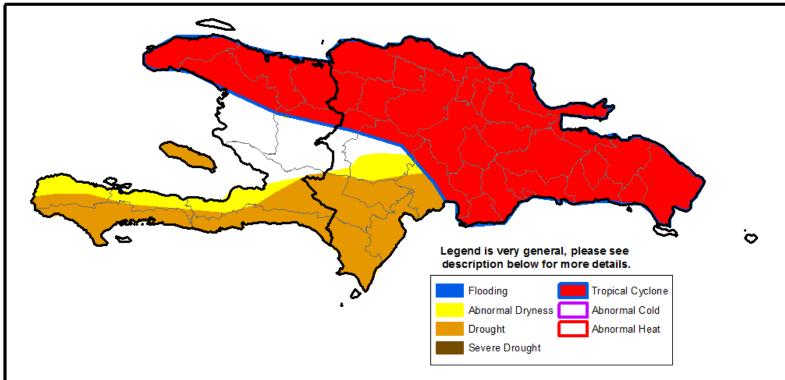


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Increased rainfall received in eastern Dominican Republic.



During the last week, increased amounts of precipitation were received across several departments in eastern Dominican Republic, with moderate to light rainfall amounts observed elsewhere in Hispaniola. Since late May, unseasonably low amounts of precipitation have led to considerable moisture deficits affecting much of southern and northwestern Haiti and southwestern Dominican Republic. Many local areas in these regions have experienced less than 50 percent of the normal rainfall accumulation for the season, which has already resulted in reduced water availability and has reportedly prompted the local government to declare drought emergency in the Dominican Republic. For the upcoming outlook period, forecast models continue to depict near average precipitation during late August and into early September, despite a recent increase in tropical activity in the Atlantic Ocean basin. The passage of tropical disturbance "Erika" in the Caribbean is likely to lead to increased rainfall amounts and high winds in northeastern Hispaniola during the earlier portion of outlook period. Locally heavy rainfall could trigger flooding.